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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA: DEMARCHE ON REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

CONDEMNING SHRINE BOMBING

REF: STATE 28802

(SBU) On February 23 Charge presented reftel demarche to Foreign Secretary H.M.G.S. Palihakkara. Palihakkara agreed that issuing a statement condemning the attack on the shrine was consistent with his government's strong stand against terrorism and support for religious tolerance. He undertook to propose such a statement to his superiors.

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